Secretary to the Council—The title of the Bill is 'The Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill'.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I beg to move that the Standing Order may be suspended.

Mr. President.—Yes.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I beg to move that the Bill may be considered.

Mr. President.—The question is thatClause 2 stand part of the Bill.

2. Delete section 7 A(2) of the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation. V of 1089, as amended up-to-date, and substitute for it the following:—

"(2) Vacancies arising from efflux of time in the office of an elected member of the existing Panchayats shall be filled up at ordinary elections which shall be fixed by the Director of Public Health and Panchayats or by any officer nominated by him to take place on such days in the months, shown in column 4 of the schedule annexed, next preceding the vacancies as he thinks fit; provided that the Director of Public Health and Panchayats may, for sufficient cause and with the previous approval of Government, direct or permit the holding of any ordinary election after the end of the months shown in column 4 of the schedule but not later than the months shown in column 3 and in cases of Panchayats that may be created hereafter the elections to fill up such vacancies shall take place on such day or days as may be fixed by the Director of Public Health and Panchayats or the officer nominated by him, provided further that the Director of Public Health and Panchayats shall not nominate under this section a person below the rank of a Panchayat Inspector or Tahsildar."

Clause 2 was put and carried.

Mr. President.—The question is that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

1. This Regulation may be called the Cochin Village Panchayat (Amendment) Regulation of 1112 and it shall come into force at once.

Clause 1 was put and carried.

Mr. President.—The question is that the title and preable stand part of the Bill.

The Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation, V of 1089, as amended up-to-date, it is hereby enacted as follows:—

Preamble.

Title and Preamble were put and carried.

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Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I move that the Bill may be taken up and finally passed on Wednesday.

Motion was put and carried.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Revision of the pay of Work Superintendents.

* **Mr. M. Sivarama Menon** *(Ernakulam South).*—" *This Council recommends to the Government that they may be pleased to revise the grade of pay of Works Superintendents of the Public Works Department and fix it at Rs. 25—40—60*".

Sir, the subject-matter of this resolution has once before been brought to the notice of this House and the Hon'ble Members will kindly refresh their memory by referring to the Fourth series, of the Council Proceedings part 7 at page 566. It will be found that motion 14 brought before the Council by the Hon'ble Member for Muslims related to this identical subject-matter and was supported also by the Hon'ble Member for Irinjalakuda. In the reply that was given by the Member for Public Works, it was stated that Government were contemplating to increase the pay of Works Superintendents and all the points raised in the course of the motion by the mover will be taken into serious consideration by the Government. Unfortunately, for some reason or other, in the Budget that was printed for this year, no provision was made for the increase in the salary of these Work Superintendents and, therefore, I have been forced to bring forward this again as a Resolution. Hon'ble Members will be pleased to consider that this is not a recommendation at all but is meant only for the removal of an apparent defect that took place in the re-organisation of the Public Works Department, and this is meant only to redress the real grievances of 21 permanent section superintendends and work superintendents, 19 posts on Rs. 25—40, and 2 on a pay of Rs. 40—60. These Work Superintendents after attaining the pay of Rs. 40 have to retire on this unless they get promotion to the senior grade. The qualifications required for the section superintendents and work superintendents are all the same. While clerks in the various offices can rise up to the grade of Rs. 60, the Work Superintendents who are technically qualified cannot

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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